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BURSARIES

The Provincial Department of Health has set aside a sum of R30 million for the department's bursary programme for the current academic year. The bursary programme aims to assist matriculants from disadvantaged backgrounds to get a head start in life by providing them an opportunity to further their studies at tertiary level.

Each year the department allocates a budget for the programme. In the last financial year a hefty R 28,6 million was allocated for bursaries. Every year those in possession of Grade 12/Matric certificate with Physical Science, Biology or Maths are invited to send in their applications. The bursary programme is aimed at producing trained and skilled medical professionals who would be placed back to the department and provide quality health care to the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

The department is in urgent need of qualified health professionals who have studied health science which includes the following health professions: Medicine, Pharmacy, Radiography, Nursing, Dentistry, Biomedical Technology, OT, Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Optometry, Clinical Psychology, Dietician, Oral Hygiene and Dental Therapy.

The number of students who are on the bursary programme increases annually and there are currently 800 students on the programme studying at various tertiary institutions.



Interested individuals can obtain application forms from their nearest health institutions and return them on or before 31 August. For those who have been awarded the bursary the department covers tuition fees, book/textbook fees, meals and accommodation.

On completion the students have to enter into a contract with the department for a certain period depending on the duration of the course he or she had completed. (For example: A student who completed a four year nursing diploma on the programme will have to work for the department for four years). More than 600 students will be taken in during this academic year.

The department stays committed to creating learning opportunities for the youth of KwaZulu-Natal and to expose the youth to the endless career opportunities within the department of health.

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